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## CIVIL AIR PATROL

### Colonel Richard A. Greenhut, CAP Commander — Northeast Region

Colonel Richard A. Greenhut is the Commander of Civil Air Patrol's Northeast Region, comprising the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. As Region Commander, his primary duty is to lead the 10,000 CAP volunteers in the region in fulfillment of the organization's three main mission elements: Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education.

He is also a corporate officer of the Civil Air Patrol Corporation, serving on the National Executive Committee, which oversees the business affairs of the organization.

The Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer, nonprofit membership organization which serves local communities across America. It is also, by law, the official Congressionally-mandated auxiliary of the United States Air Force. All its members are unpaid volunteers, contributing their time to perform CAP's *Missions for America*.

Colonel Greenhut's CAP career started when he joined New York City Group in 1990. He has held several CAP senior staff positions, including serving on Northeast Region Staff as Director of Safety, overseeing CAP safety activities in the Northeast Region.

While Director of Safety, he created the first comprehensive region-wide safety plan. He received the Exceptional Service Award, one of CAP's highest decorations, for his implementation of this plan in September 1997. Col Greenhut has also earned the Distinguished Service Medal for his service as Wing Commander of New York State.

A rated CAP Command Pilot with almost 3,000 flight hours, he is also responsible for tasking CAP Emergency Service personnel on missions directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley AFB, Virginia. He has also supported the active-duty Air Force contingent assigned to CAP as an invited member of the Air Force Evaluation Team, assisting in annual Air Force evaluations of all CAP Wings in the Northeast Region for 3 years. An active search and rescue pilot, he has flown numerous actual CAP missions, including countless search, transport and disaster relief missions. Colonel Greenhut served as a "spotter" aircraft pilot, assisting the water bombers during the 1995 Westhampton fires on Long Island, as well as being one of the CAP pilots tasked during the September 11<sup>th</sup> World Trade Center tragedy, flying numerous blood and other emergency supply sorties into New York area airports.

As a volunteer FAA Aviation Safety Counselor, he speaks at numerous seminars each year on various aspects of flight safety. Colonel Greenhut holds an Airline Transport Pilot license, with ratings in single and multi-engine land and sea aircraft, and has been a pilot since 1968. His full-time job is as a self-employed marketing consultant. He and his wife Susan, a writer, reside in New York City.



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